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REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 3, 2006 ("the Notice"). The status of the claim is as stated in the Notice, which relates to the most recently entered versions of the claims which were filed April 9, 2004. In compliance with the Notice, changes and status identifiers relative to this version of the claim is presented herein.

Claims 25-27 are pending. Claims 1-24 were previously cancelled in Applicants' submission filed April 9, 2004. Claims 28-47 were previously withdrawn in the office action mailed October 7, 2004. The status of the claims as stated reflects the renumbering indicated by the Examiner in the office action of October 7, 2004.

Claims 25-27 are cancelled herein without prejudice. New claim 48 is added. The subject matter of claim 48 is fully described in the specification to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the claimed invention, as required by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Notice of non-compliant amendment

Each issue as stated in the Notice is addressed separately below.

- A. *The listing of the claims does not show the proper status identifier and markings showing changes relative to the most recently entered versions of the claims*

The Notice stated that the each claim had not been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented herein are provided with the proper status identifiers in compliance with the Notice. The status of the claims as stated reflects the renumbering indicated by the Examiner in the office action of October 7, 2004.

- B. *The Amendment is considered non-responsive because it was not signed by all of the inventors*

The Notice further stated that the Amendment is considered non-responsive because it was not signed by all of the inventors, and the signing entity (inventor Mr. Raman K. Rao) is not registered to practice before the U.S. Patent Office. Applicants submit that this issue is now moot in view of the fact that all of the inventors have

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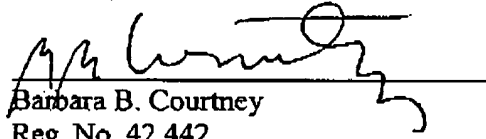
appointed the undersigned registered patent attorney to represent them in this application.
Duly executed Powers of Attorney are submitted herewith.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment is compliant with the relevant laws and rules. Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of Examiner Fadok a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, Examiner Fadok is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 342-1902.

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